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SUBJ: MORE CHINESE MILITARY SPARE PARTS FOR EGYPT?

1. LOCAL DAILIES JUNE 25 PROMINENTLY FEATURE VAGUE
REPORT THAT PRES SADAT SENDING MESSAGE TO CHINESE CHAIR-
MAN HUA KUO-FENG THANKING CHINA FOR PRESENTING EGYPT WITH
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MILITARY SPARE PARTS. ARTICLES RECOUNT FACT THAT PEKING
PRESENTED GOE WITH AIRCRAFT ENGINES FOLLOWING 1973 WAR,
UNDERTOOK AIRCRAFT ENGINE OVERHAUL BEGINNING IN 1975,
AND AGREED TO MILITARY PROTOCOL DURING APRIL 1976 VISIT
TO PEKING BY VP MUBARAK. ARTICLES STRESS THAT CHINESE
NEVER EXACTED PRICE FOR THEIR GENEROSITY, ALTHOUGH WHAT
IS INVOLVED AT PRESENT NOT SPELLED OUT. STORIES CLEARLY

OFFICIALLY INSPIRED, AS AHRAH ONLY FELL INTO LINE WITH
OTHER DAILIES IN FINAL EDITION.

2. DAILIES JUNE 27 RETURN TO SUBJECT OF CHINESE
SPARE PARTS, STILL WITHOUT DETAILS. FONMIN FAHMY REPORTEDLY
MET PREVIOUS DAY WITH CHINESE CHARGE WANG
FU-TU TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM SADAT TO HUA, THANKING
CHINESE FOR "ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES" OF SPARE PARTS
"CHINESE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO GRANT TO EGYPT." FAHMY
AND WANG ALSO REPORTEDLY COVERED ME DEVELOPMENTS,
"INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST", AND STRENGTHENING
BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CURRENT SOVIET/EGYPTIAN IMPASSE
ON ARMS DELIVERIES, GOE PROBABLY MAKING SPECIAL EFFORT TO
REMIND BOTH DOMESTIC MILITARY AUDIENCE AND SOVIETS OF
EXISTENCE OF (ADMITTEDLY LIMITED) CHINESE ALTERNATIVE.
ARTICLES DO NOT MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER CHINESE HAVE ENTERED
INTO NEW AGREEMENT OR ARE MERELY SHIPPING MORE PARTS
UNDER AGREEMENT SIGNED BY MUBARAK IN 1976. GREEK EMBASSY
EMBOFF, WHOSE CONSULATE GENERAL IN ALEXADRIA WATCHES
INFLOW OF ARMS SHIPMENTS CAREFULLY, COMMENTED RECENTLY
THAT LAST SHIPMENT OF CHINESE SPARE PARTS TO EGYPT WAS
IN APRIL 1977. PERHAPS ARRIVAL OF NEW SHIPMENT IN
ALEXANDRIA HAS CAUSED PRESS BALLYHOO. "INTERNATIONAL
ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST", DISCUSSED BY FAHMY AND WANG
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PROBABLY INVOLVES CHINESE EFFORTS TO PERSUADE EGYPT TO
TAKE AN EVEN STRONGER STANCE IN COUNTERACTING SOVIET
INFLUENCE IN AFRICA, A THEME WHICH HAS BEEN PREOCCUPYING
CHINESE EMBASSY OF LATE.
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